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- During the period from 10 to 20 July 1953, a German-Polish commission, headed by Koul (fma) of the State Secretariat Shipping in Berlin, met at Warsaw to discuss shipping problems and problems of mutual interest to East Germany and Poland, such as mutual aid in case of invasions, discharge conditions in the lower Oder districts, dredging operations, and the removal of ice in the Oder districts.
- A German-Polish shipping agreement, which was expected to be concluded in September 1953 after being approved by the Minister Council, was planned in connection with the dredging operations required to achieve a general regulation of the discharge conditions in the lower Oder districts. The organization of the icebreaking operations was assigned to the Polos. Beginning 2 November 1953, two east German auxiliary icebreakers were scheduled to be stationed in Stettin, to be employed together with a Polish auxiliary icebreaker. Two new icebreakers for the Oder river were planned to be constructed in East Germany in 1954. An order for the construction of a Polish icebreaker was placed with an East German shipyard in 1953.
- Beginning 1 September 1953, the east German inland shipping was expected to resume traffic with Upper Silesia. The German-Polish and German-Czech shipping agreement could not yet be brought about, because of the unacceptable demands on the part of the Polos and Czechs. The Soviets finally interfered and ordered the Polos until further notice to supply East Germany with two million tons of pit coal during the period from 1 September to 31 December 1953. The shipments were to be made by German inland vessels, and were to begin on 1 September 1953.

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